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Now Just Press Down

Little Elizabeth Cuoto is fingerprinted by Detective David Rowsey during recent "Ident-A-Kid" session.

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PDQ About DPX

BART people were busy in June at public meetings in Castro Valley, San Lorenzo and Pleasanton to explain the details of the proposed Dublin/Pleasanton extension and to hear concerns of local residents. Shown at a recent meeting are, from left, Theresa Dunn, Planning; Dale Fousel, Planning; Marianne Payne, Project Manager of Environmental Analysis for the extension; Bob Garrison, Bechtel; Erlene DeMarcus, BART Director; Jim Evans, Planning; Robin Hill, Real Estate; Rocky Green, Station Operations; and Donna Pittman, Joint Development. Environmental impact reports on the extension are scheduled for release this fall.

BART Board Approves \$179 Million Budget For Current Fiscal Year

BART's Board of Directors approved a \$179,685,142 tentative operating budget for the fiscal year that began July 1.

That's about three percent higher than the 1988-1989 budget, but the new budget projects a lower deficit than was anticipated for the previous year's budget. The deficit anticipated for 1989-1990 is \$1.1 million, more than 50 percent lower than the \$2.4 million deficit anticipated in the 1988 Five Year Plan.

The new operating budget includes funds for the operation of the Daly City Turnback and Yard and the addition of three new trains.

The Public Employees Retirement System has confirmed that the District will not be required to make the employer contribution to PERS for next year. This one-time saving of \$8.5 million could be set aside for a capital allocation to help fund the extension program.

Continuing BART's efforts to keep its facilities in top-notch condition, the new budget provides for 23 new system workers. Their job will be dedicated to keeping the BART stations sparkling clean.

BART Express Bus Service contract will be in effect for all of the 1989/90 fiscal year, thus lowering that expense item by nearly \$600,000 over the previous fiscal year. Shuttle Service includes the addition of a third shuttle bus for AirBART and a lower estimate of the cost of the Harbor Bay Business Park bus service.

Copies of the new operating budget are available from the Public Information Office. Call extension 7115. **b**

You Want A Parrot? Just Whistle For It

Joe Padilla, transit vehicle mechanic at the Richmond Shop, isn't accustomed to whistling at parrots, but he did a pretty good job of it the other day when a parrot flew into the shop building and roosted in the rafters.

"I whistled at him and he whistled back and flew down on top of a car,"

Padilla says. When Padilla tried to get closer, the bird took off, apparently out of the building, but one of Padilla's co-workers, James Meadows, later spotted the elusive interloper hiding in a corner.

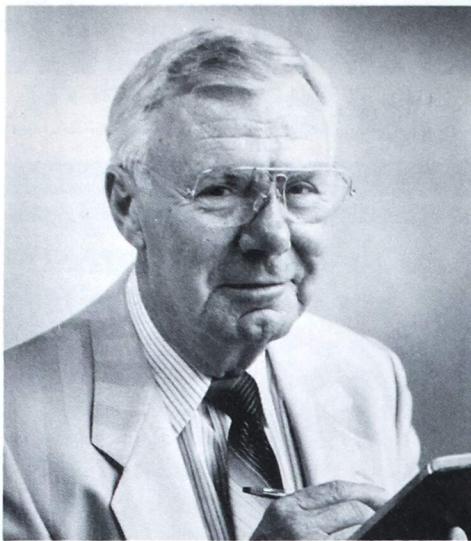
Finally, Padilla managed to get the parrot in a cardboard container and took the bird home with him at the end of his shift. With the help of his two daughters, Ellen and Elizabeth, Padilla found a cage for the bird. Ellen noticed a newspaper ad

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New Controller-Treasurer



Alvin Teragawachi, who joined BART in September, 1980, as Assistant Controller, is the District's new Controller-Treasurer. Teragawachi was formerly Assistant Director of Finance for the City of Berkeley.



L. William Gaulter is BART's new Assistant Treasurer. He had served for 15 years as the District's Cashier until his recent promotion.

Straight Line or Curved? Depends On Your Point of View

If you drop a tennis ball in a moving BART car, will it drop in a straight line to the floor or move in a curved line as the car itself moves forward?

That was the question asked by science students from the Archway school in Oakland, who recently carried out an experiment on a BART car moving from the 12th Street Station to the MacArthur Station.

The students, and their teacher, Gene Novak, knew that Albert Einstein, the famous physicist, had already come up with an answer — at least in his head. Einstein said that whether the ball falls in a straight line or in a curved line depends on where an observer is situated when the ball is dropped. If you're on the moving car, the ball will appear to drop in a straight line. If you're on the platform the instant the ball is dropped, it will appear to follow a curved line to the floor. In more scientific terms, the frame of reference makes a difference in what you see.

It was the kind of "hands on" schooling that Novak likes. He and an associate, Holly Below, will hold two mathematics and science workshops at the Archway School during the summer that allow students direct experimental involvement.

The BART train operator for the experiment was Dennis Mattos. 

Paul Cooper Named Secretary of Regional Air-Quality Watchdog Agency

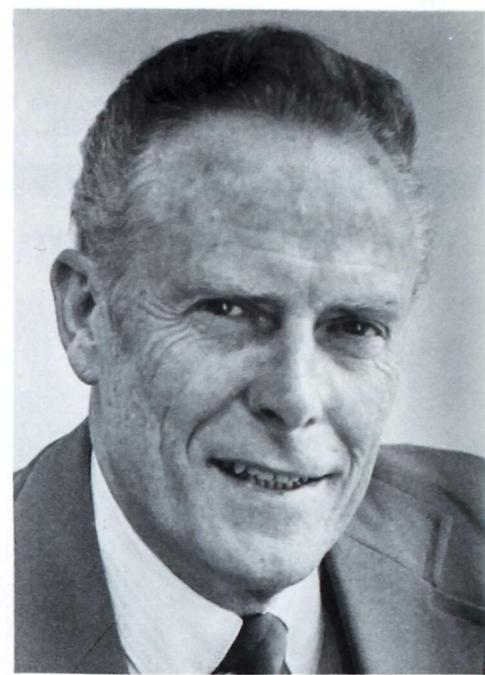
Paul Cooper, BART's Employee Relations Manager, is the new secretary to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.

Cooper has been a member of the district's board of directors since 1985 and will serve as secretary until the end of June, 1990. He was appointed to the watchdog board by the Contra Costa County Mayor's Council.

Cooper is also a member of the Pleasant Hill City Council, a post he has held since 1978, including three terms as the community's mayor.

Originally called the Bay Area Air Pollution Control District, the air quality district oversees non-vehicular sources of air pollution in nine Bay Area counties. When it was formed in 1955, it was the first regional agency dealing with air pollution in the State.

Cooper reminds BARTalk readers that individuals can help reduce air pollution by reducing their driving, not using their fireplaces or woodstoves when "smog" levels are high, recycling anything that can be used again and keeping their car tuned-up. 



Paul Cooper

Next Month In BARTalk

The August issue of BARTalk will be devoted to the Daly City Turnback and Yard project, the largest construction project undertaken since the completion of BART's original system in 1976.



Channel 4's Alyce Burgess interviews Henry Hon, the co-developer of Dahon folding bicycles, at the Embarcadero Station during a demonstration of the Dahon folding bicycle, which folds up in a few seconds and fits under a BART seat. The bike is intended to eliminate traffic and parking hassles and promote better physical fitness at the same time. A special drawing will award 34 of the bicycles, one for each station, to BART patrons. The Dahon bicycle does not require a Bikes on BART permit.

Summer Youth Committee

BART Asking Questions To Help Chart Future Service

BART is asking a lot of questions these days of people who commute to work in San Francisco to help chart improved service for them.

Commuters are being asked where they live, how they get to and from their job, how long it takes them and, if they're not now using BART, what it would take to get them to switch to BART.

The work place survey, the first of its kind to be conducted by BART, is expected to generate information that will help plan future service levels and sharpen the focus of marketing programs.

The survey, being carried out by Mason Tillman Associates, Ltd. of Oakland, will cover 3,000 people working in downtown San Francisco at 100 or more companies or firms. Results are expected by the end of the summer.

To encourage people to fill out the questionnaire, BART is offering several prizes, which are being donated by AMNI America Advertising. **b**

Dropping the Ball



Chrissy Muedeking, a student at the Archway school in Oakland, drops a tennis ball in a moving BART train as part of a demonstration of the paths that falling objects follow, depending on the observer's position. Story on page 2.



More than 100 young men and women are expected to get valuable working experience at BART this summer as part of the summer youth jobs program administered by the Department of Affirmative Action. The program provides disadvantaged youth from 14 to 21 with short-term work experience and vocational training, as well as stimulate educational advancement.

Pictured from left are: John Mack, Dave McGinnis, Linda Vasquez, Jess Perez, Brenda Blue, Rodney Williams, Victor Martinez, and Charlie Madsen.



Awards for BART Police Department personnel with one year's perfect attendance were presented in June. Some of the recipients have records of perfect attendance that go back several years. Shown are, back row, from left, Lt. Carl Johnson, four years; Lt. Gary Gee, seven; Revenue Guard Gary Hubbard, five; Officer David Kirstein, five; Capt. Larry Danner, one; and Officer Sylvester Jones, two. In the front row, from left, are Lt. Leo Tamisiea, four years; Officer Peter Chu, two; Dispatcher Janet Strange, one; Officer Michael Warren, two; and Officer Mark Huddleston, one. Not shown are Officer Michael Hotton, eight years; Revenue Guard Joe Glenn, four; Sgt. Ed Ladd, two; Officer Michael Cain, two; Officer John Davenport, two; Revenue Guard Sharon Effron, two; Revenue Guard Anthony Gomes, two; Officer William Hammer, two; Officer Richard Bentley, one; Officer Sheldon Forehand, one; Revenue Guard Fred Hyland, one; Officer Spencer Thorpe, one; and Lt. Donald Tong, one.

Richard Taylor Picked To Run New Daly City Shop

Richard Taylor's new job is to convert an empty building into a vehicle maintenance system ready for three shifts a day, seven days a week.

Taylor, who was maintenance supervisor of rolling stock at the Hayward Shop, was picked last month to be the Manager of the new Daly City Shop, which is scheduled to be in operation by the end of October.

"Right now the new Shop is an empty building," Taylor says, "and our job is to install equipment and make sure the facility is ready for performing maintenance." About 60 employees will work at the shop when it is fully staffed for three shifts.

Taylor came to work for BART in 1972 as a vehicle inspector and was promoted to maintenance supervisor 12 years ago. 

"Ident-A-Kid" Sessions At Four BART Stations

BART Police carried out four "Ident-A-Kid" sessions at four East Bay stations in May and June.

Police personnel took inked fingerprint impressions of children of all ages at the Fremont, Concord, El Cerrito Plaza and 16th Street stations.

The fingerprint cards are given to parents or guardians, but no copies are kept by BART. Whether a card is ever used for law enforcement purposes is up to the parents.

Additional sessions will be scheduled for later this summer, according to Detective David Rowsey, at stations where they have not previously been conducted. There is no charge for the procedure. 

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Pat Hoar, BART's personable librarian for the past 14 years, got some well-deserved recognition in a recent story by Donna Hemmila in the Contra Costa Times. The story serves as a good reminder to all BART employees that the library, which is located at MET-2, is a unique source of information about BART available to everyone.

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Mario Knapic and his wife are planning a trip to Hawaii this summer, thanks to the "Hats Off to the Transit Team" drawing held during National Transportation week. The trip to Waikiki, donated by KFRC Radio, Magic 61 is for six nights and seven days and includes airfare. Knapic works for BART's Power and Way Department.

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Apologies are due to Charlotte — it's not Sharla — Scott, the champagne-toasting lady who was part of BART's official team in the Bay-to-Breakers race. She works in Stores-Wayside. We'll get it right next year!

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Need answers to questions about BART's planned extensions in the East Bay and in San Mateo County? If so, call Extension 7115 and ask Vicki Wills for a copy of "BART On The Move." The new leaflet is filled with information about the four extensions, including routes, costs, station locations and projected construction schedules.

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There'll be something for everyone at this year's BART employees picnic, scheduled for Saturday, October 14 at Castle Rock Park in Walnut Creek. Alex Zermenio, Training, is heading up the picnic committee and he promises plenty of activities for children and adults and, as usual, plenty to eat. Working with Zermenio are Sue Angeli, Hank White, John Thomas, Glenn Nunes and Ed Ladd.

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BART racked up 20,986 patron trips on Bay-To-Breakers day, an increase from last year. Fourteen BART stations were open three hours earlier than usual for the Sunday race.

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Congratulations to Jeff McLachlan of the Capital Programs staff. He's been promoted to the post of Supervising Cost Engineer.

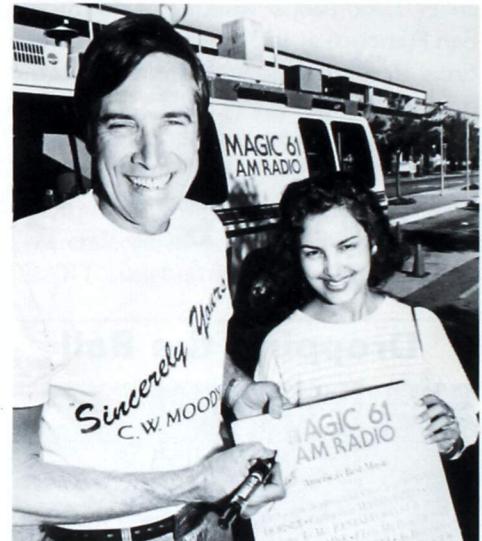
McLachlan joined BART in the fall of 1980.

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Diane Lorenzetti, director of the Concord Senior Citizens Club, has found a good use for BART tickets with five cents or so of unused fare. She collects them from BART riders, sends them to BART for redemption and uses the money to help provide free coffee throughout the day at the center. She accumulates enough tickets with unused fare to provide about \$30 a month to her coffee fund. She also is a longtime BART fan. "I love it!" she says. "Friends and I like to go into San Francisco for dinner and we always take BART."

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Welcome aboard to Jim Iams, who has joined BART's Extensions Department in the capacity of Manager of Project Support. Iams will be working on project control, coordination, administration and other support areas.



Carter B. Smith, Magic 61 AM radio's morning disc jockey, talks with Sadhana Adhikari of San Leandro during the station's recent broadcast from BART's San Leandro Station.

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about a lost parrot and soon had the parrot's owner on the line.

"Do you want to speak to the parrot," Ellen asked? She put the telephone close to the bird and in an instant the bird squawked out, "Hello, Wanda. Hello, Wanda."

When the bird and owner were eventually reunited, it was like "watching a parent and a long-lost child," Padilla says. The owner told the parrot — Pasquale, it turned out — to get into a little box and he promptly did so. Pasquale and Wanda drove off together into the sunset. BARTalk assumes they lived happily ever after!